

Tony Evers, Governor | Mary M. Kolar, Secretary

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Dear Union Grove Community:

We have nearly completed a new round of COVID-19 testing for both residents and staff on our campus. This is the second full round of testing since the initial case of coronavirus was reported at Union Grove. We are still receiving results, but so far during this round of testing only one Member and one staff member – both asymptomatic – have tested positive for COVID-19. This brings our cumulative number of positives at Union Grove to 29 Members and 24 staff. As always, the Member who tested positive has been notified and we have called their primary contact.

We welcomed assistance from the Wisconsin National Guard for this round of COVID-19 testing, of which the majority occurred this past Friday and Saturday. The Guard's help with testing enabled our own patient care teams to remain focused solely on caring for the daily needs of our Members.

Despite the worry we all feel regarding this pandemic, a ray of light among the clouds is that the number of cases on our campus has been steadily declining for residents and staff and we are beginning to see recovery among both. As I mentioned last week, members are recovering. As of today, 16 members have been deemed recovered by the Union Grove care team in consultation with the Racine County Department of Health Services. In addition, 16 staff members have recovered. This is great news for our community.

Please be assured that our staff continues to fight this virus, day and night. We have been, and will continue to be, dedicated to keeping your loved ones well and keeping you informed. As a reminder, these updates are also available at any time on the WDVA website at www.WisVetsHomesCOVID.com.

If you have any questions, I am happy to address them.

Sincerely,

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Diane Lynch, Homes Division Administrator